

CHRIST THE PHYSICIAN

THE LIFE OF CHRIST WITH SAINT LUKE



A MAN WITH DROPSY IS HEALED

Luke 14:1-6

Throughout the gospels, we learn about the large crowds of people who traveled from far and wide to reach Jesus and sought to be healed by Him.

Luke tells us about Jesus casting out demons from people, healing Peter's mother-in-law, those with leprosy, a paralytic, a man with a withered hand, heals the centurion's servant, a crippled woman, a woman with an issue of blood, a



Dropsy:

is known as edema today. A person will have an area under the skin fill with fluid, which is an indication of liver, kidney, or heart disease or of malnutrition.



Sabbath:

is a day of rest for Jews when they observe no work or travel from sunset on Friday to Saturday evening

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GOAL

Who is the Physician of our souls and bodies?

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AT CHURCH

Holy Communion
Holy Confession
Holy Unction

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AT HOME

Reading the Bible;
Prayer; Fasting;
Almsgiving

blind man, heals a servant's ear, raises the widow's son in Nain, brings Jairus' daughter back to life, and heals a man of dropsy.

Dropsy is known as edema today. It is when there is a build up of fluid under the skin due to someone having a big problem with the heart, kidneys, or liver.

Let's take a look at the icon of Jesus healing the man with dropsy.

Jesus had been invited over to a ruler of the Pharisee's home for a meal on the Sabbath. Now, you need to understand that the Sabbath starts every Friday at sunset and ends every Saturday evening. Additionally, the Jews had a rule that they could not work or travel on the Sabbath. This was a day of rest given to them by God out of love and mercy for them. Unfortunately, at the time of Jesus, many of the Pharisees, Sadducees, and lawyers did not understand that "the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." (Mark 2:27) *What do you think this means?*

Jesus sat down to eat with his host and all who were invited to share in the meal together, but everyone was watching Jesus very carefully. They wanted to see if Jesus would disobey the Jewish Law in anyway. As the people were watching



Jesus, a man with dropsy came into the room and silently stood before Jesus. The situation was getting intense! Was Jesus really going to help this man on the Sabbath and break the Jewish Law?

Jesus knew what they were thinking reminded the people that they would help their donkey or ox if it fell into a pit on the Sabbath. It was certainly allowed for Him to have compassion on this man with dropsy and heal him. Many of the people in the room silently disagreed with Him, but Jesus healed the man anyway.

In the icon: Jesus is in the center of the icon near the man with dropsy (wearing a tunic and has an enlarged stomach). Behind Jesus on the left are His Disciples and on the right side of the icon are

EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The Gospel of Luke: Good News for the Poor by Fr. Lawrence Farley, pages 272 - 284

The Explanation of the Holy Gospel According to Luke by Blessed Theophylact, pages 178 - 191

What is Shabbot? (Sabbath) - [Jewish Virtual Library](#)

[The Names of Jesus](#) Podcast by Fr. Thomas Hopko

YouTube: [Fr. Vasile's Sermon for the Feast of the Presentation of Christ into the Temple](#) (start 17:55)



the people who were present for the healing of the man with dropsy. We can see what looks like a building in the background and a curtain draped across it. This indicates that the event happened inside.

THE CHURCH IS A HOSPITAL

Sometimes you will hear the Church referred to as a hospital. This is because we have been wounded by our sins. We do this each time we've all made decisions which placed something else in our lives as more important than God. *What are some examples of making something else more important than God in our lives?*

We want to be spiritually healthy just like we want to be physically healthy. The Church is here to help us heal and grow closer to God.

What are some things we can do to stay physically healthy?

- Drink plenty of water
- eat healthy foods
- exercise regularly
- get plenty of sleep

What are some things we can do to stay spiritually healthy:

- Go to confession regularly
- Receive Holy Unction
- Prepare for and receive Holy Communion
- Read the Bible
- Read the lives of the saints

ACTIVITY:

Spread out the icons of Christ healing people and ask the kids to find one at a time.

Guide the kids to look for context clues in the icons to help them read the event.

For example -

- Who can find the icon of Christ healing the man with dropsy? What is dropsy? If dropsy is extreme swelling under the skin, which person looks like they have swelling on their body? Why were the people there upset that Jesus healed this man?
- Who can find the icon of Christ raising the widow of Nain's son? Is there a person lying down in one of the icons? Does one of the icons look like there is a funeral procession? We learned about this miracle earlier this year, who can tell me what happened?
- Who can find the icon of Christ healing the paralytic? A paralytic is someone who is paralyzed. Is there a person in one of the icons who has to be carried by his friends or family? There was a huge crowd that blocked the paralyzed man from reaching Christ. How did his friends overcome this problem?

SING:

O Holy Apostles

“...heal the sick, Physician of
our souls and bodies.”
- from the Divine Liturgy



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